

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church Inventory Number: ^{PE:}86B-5

Address: 15601 Brooks Church Road City: Upper Marlboro Zip Code: 20772

County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: Lower Marlboro, MD (Photorevised 1979)

Trustees of the Nottingham-Meyers United Methodist Church, 15601 Brooks Church Road,
Owner: Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Tax Parcel Number: 56 Tax Map Number: Map 148 Tax Account ID Number: 0250878

Project: Cellular Communications Tower Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church is a representative example of a mid-twentieth century church and associated resources which have been sympathetically adapted to address the spiritual and social needs of its late twentieth and early twenty first century congregation. The Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for its continued association with the growth and development of this congregation from the immediate post-Civil War era to the present day. The resource is also eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a rural vernacular church which reflects the spiritual and social aspirations of its African-American congregation. This determination has been made in accordance with the National Register Bulletin entitled "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation" (National Park Service 1998).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None
Comments: _____

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
[Signature]
Reviewer, NR program

10/3/01 Date
10/5/01 Date

✓- entered

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Continuation Sheet No. 1

PG: 86B-5

Prepared by: Joseph Schuchman

Date Prepared: September 21, 2001

III. HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

The Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church consists of a mid-twentieth century frame church (Photographs 1, 2, 3, and 4), an adjacent cemetery (Photograph 5) and, at the present time, the foundation and burnt remains of a 1952 social hall (Photograph 6) which was destroyed by fire in April 2001. Figure 2 illustrates a site plan of the church property and photograph locations.

In 1867, John H. Skinner, a prominent landowner, deeded one acre of his farm to five black men, identified as the trustees of the Colored Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the purpose of establishing a Methodist Church and a schoolhouse for black children. A small log meeting house was soon constructed. The labor and materials for this building were donated by the men of the church and the community. Frames, sashes and flooring were provided by the Freedmen's Bureau, an organization established by Congress on March 3, 1865 for the purpose of assisting black communities establishing schools and hospitals. The building simultaneously served as the area's first schoolhouse for black children and as a place of worship, which came to be known as Brooks Church in honor of the family of Nathaniel Brooks, one of the original trustees (Pearl; Nottingham-Myers United Methodist Church web site).

The log building was replaced by a frame structure which was completed in 1889 (MNCPPC: 104).

Under the pastorate of Frederick Myers, a sanctuary, which forms the core of the present church, was constructed. The new house of worship was completed and dedicated debt free in September 1939. In 1955, the church was renamed Brooks-Myers Methodist Church in honor of Reverend Myers. In 1968, Brooks Church and St. Mary's Church merged and became Myers United Methodist Church. In 1983, a south addition, which includes a choir/conference room and a pastor's study, was completed (MNCPPC: 104; Nottingham-Myers United Methodist Church web site). This new construction successfully replicates decorative details and complements the historic church structure. In recent years, the congregation adopted the name Nottingham-Myers United Methodist Church. At the present time, the rebuilding of the social hall is in the planning stage.

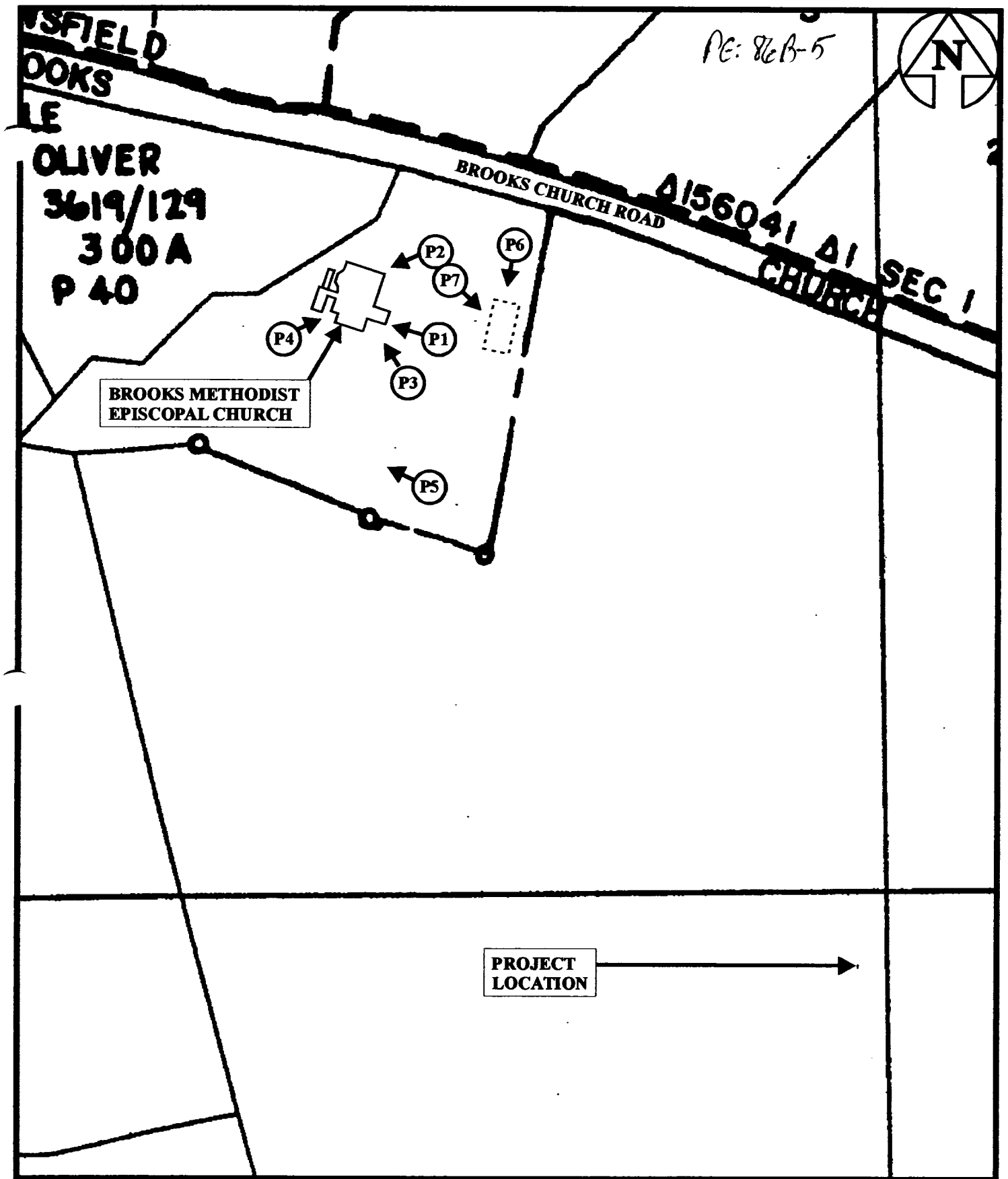
The Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church is a simply but handsomely detailed structure. The site continues to evolve to meet the congregation's needs yet remains an enduring symbol of the faith of its members.

IV. NATIONAL REGISTER DETERMINATION

The MHT has requested a Determination of Eligibility for the Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church. The church had previously been included in two studies, a historic resource inventory of Prince George's County, which was conducted in 1983 by the MNCPPC, and a survey of African-American related resources, which was initiated by the MNCPPC in 1994. A MHT National Register DOE Form was completed for the Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church and is included as Appendix D.

The Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church is a representative example of a mid-twentieth century church and associated resources which have been sympathetically adapted to address the spiritual and social needs of its late twentieth and early twenty first century congregation. The Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church is eligible for listing in the *National Register* under Criterion A for its continued association with the growth and development of this congregation from the immediate post-Civil War era to the present day. The resource is also eligible for National Register listing under Criterion C as a well-preserved example of a rural vernacular church of the mid twentieth century with a late twentieth century addition which continues to reflect the spiritual and social aspirations of its African-American congregation. This determination has been made in accordance with the National Register Bulletin entitled "*How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation*" (National Park Service 1998).

The proposed National Register boundary encompasses the current 4.77-acre tax parcel. The boundary includes the church, cemetery, the site of two earlier church structures and the land which has historically been associated with the congregation.



NO SCALE

REFERENCE Prince George's County Tax Parcel Map 148 of Upper Marlboro Township, Maryland
Dated May 2000

FIGURE 2
SITE PLAN / PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION MAP
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY REPORT / DUVALL COMMUNICATIONS CELL TOWER

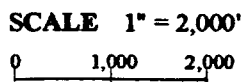


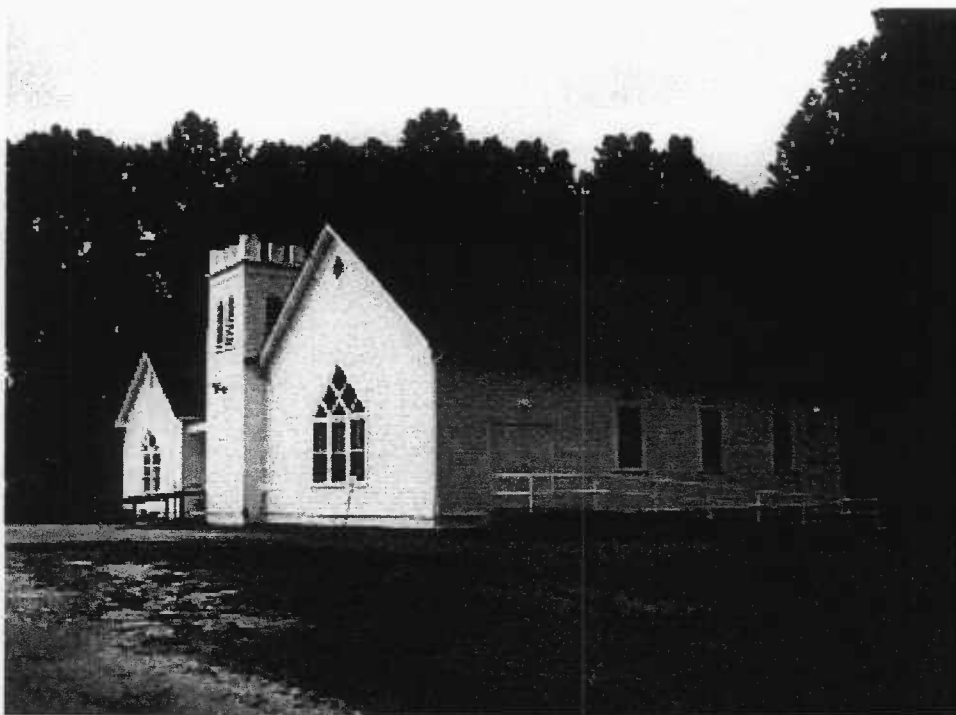
FIGURE 1
PROJECT LOCATION MAP
SPRINT PCS / DUVALL PROPERTY 711F

PHOTOGRAPH INFORMATION



PHOTOGRAPH 1

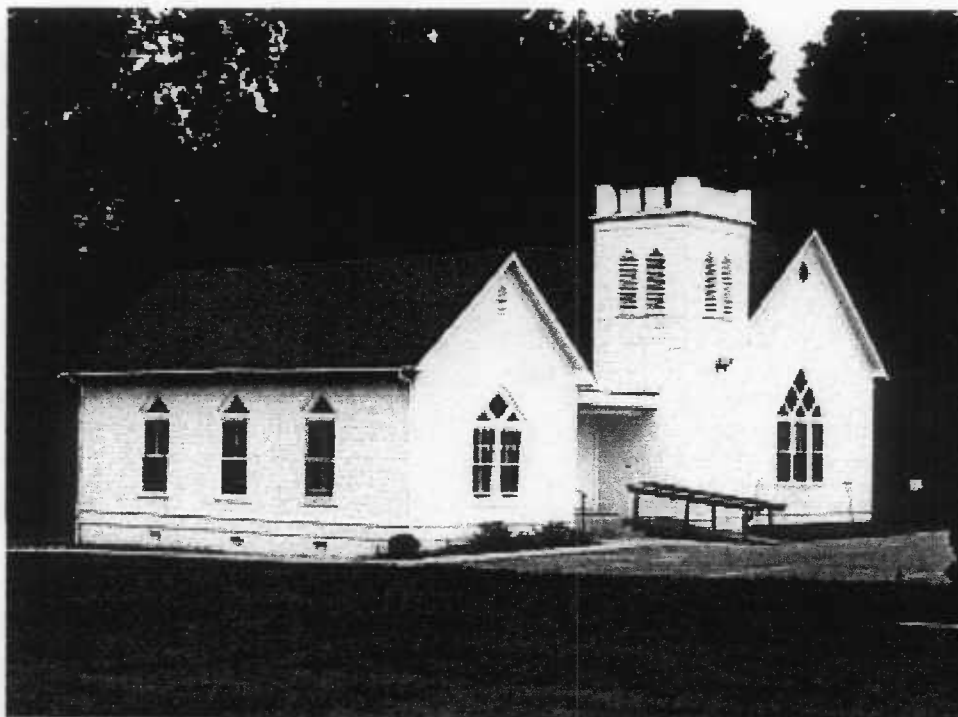
View looking west at Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church (front elevation) (July 2001).



PHOTOGRAPH 2

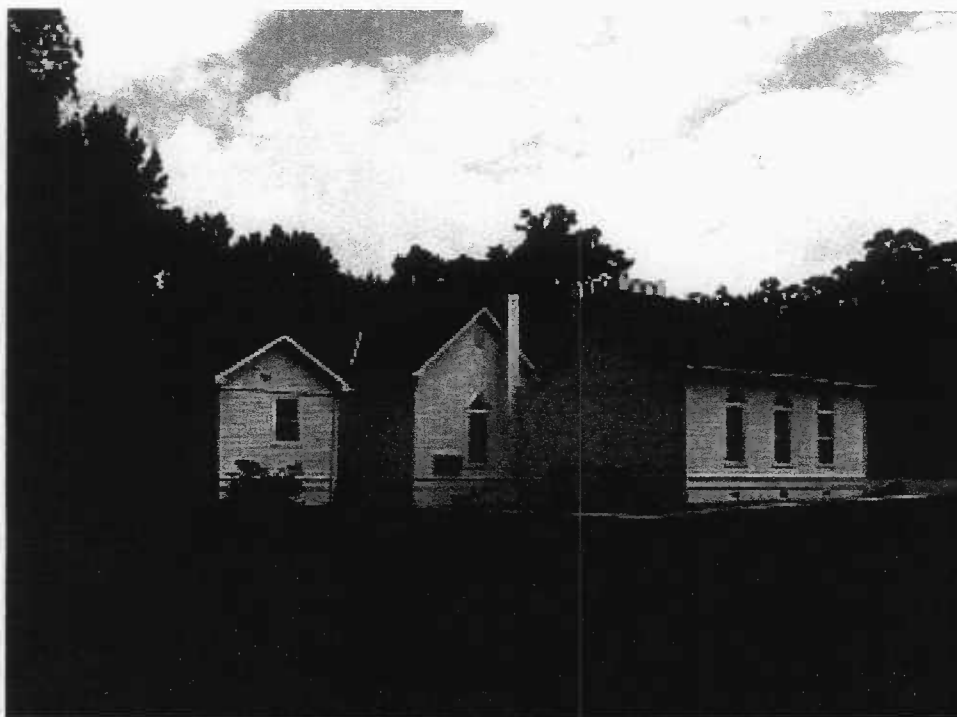
View looking southwest at Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church (front and north elevations) (July 2001).

PHOTOGRAPH INFORMATION



PHOTOGRAPH 3

View looking northwest at Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church
(1938 sanctuary to right and 1983 addition to left of entrance) (July 2001).



PHOTOGRAPH 4

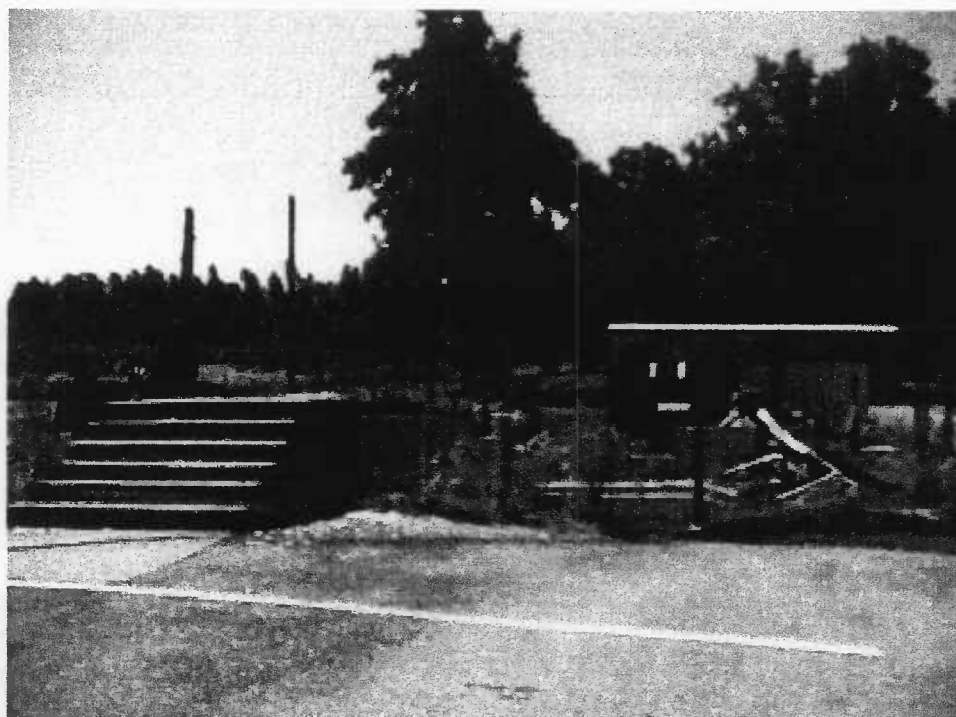
View looking northeast at Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church (south and west rear elevations) (July 2001).

PHOTOGRAPH INFORMATION



PHOTOGRAPH 5

View looking west at cemetery for Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church (July 2001).



PHOTOGRAPH 6

View looking south at ruins of social hall of Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church (July 2001).

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1867/1939

Brooks (Myers) Methodist Church
15601 Brooks Church Road, Baden, Md.
Priv/Occ/Relig/Excellent

Brooks-Myers Church is a four bay gable-roofed frame building in Italianate style, its principal facade being the east gable end. This gable end has a tri-partite window with multi-light triangular pediment; entrance is through a double-door in a crenellated tower set at the southeast corner of the building. To the east of the church is a large frame social-educational building, and to the south, an old and extensive graveyard.

In 1867, John H. Skinner deeded one-acre of his farm to five Black trustees for the purpose of establishing a Methodist Church and schoolhouse for Black children. Soon afterwards, a small log church was constructed; it came to be known as Brooks Church in honor of the family of Nathaniel Brooks, one of the original trustees. Over the years, Brooks became a vital rural Black congregation; some of its strongest members, e.g., the Brooks and the Pinkneys, are buried in the graveyard. In 1939, a new church, the present Italianate structure, was built, and the old log chapel was destroyed. In its place, a large frame educational building was erected in the 1940's. Brooks Church has since 1955 come to be known as Brooks-Myers Church, in honor of Rev. Frederick Myers, pastor for 25 years, under whose leadership the new church was built. Brooks-Myers Church is significant because it is a rare example of twentieth century Italianate Church architecture in a remote rural area, and because it represents well over a century of the society and culture of a rural Black community.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brooks United Methodist Church

and/or common Myers United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 15601 Brooks Church Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Baden ☐ vicinity of Naylor congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Black Hist.

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Vestry of Myers U. M. Church

street & number 15601 Brooks Church Road telephone no.:

city, town Baden state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber FS-5

street & number Main Street folio

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P. G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Md. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. PG#86B-5

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Brooks-Myers U.M. Church is an A-roofed Italianate frame building, its principal facade being the east gable end. This gable end has a tri-part window with multi-light triangular pedemint; entrance is through a double door in an Italianate crenellated tower set at the south east corner of the building. The side walls are four bays wide with triangular-pedemented windows. There is an interior chimney between first and second bay in the south slope of the roof, and a small ell-addition at the rear (southwest) corner of the church.

There is a five-bay gable-roofed frame social-educational building to the east of the entrance lane, and an old and extensive graveyard to the south.

1890-1900

8. Significance

Survey No PG #86B-5

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates 1939 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

In 1867, John H. Skinner, prominent farmer in the Nottingham area, deeded one acre of his farm "Mansfield" to five black trustees for the purpose of establishing a Methodist church and a schoolhouse for Black children. Soon afterwards, a small log church building was constructed; it came to be known as Brooks Church in honor of the family of Nathaniel Brooks, one of the original trustees. Over the years, Brooks became a strong vital rural Black congregation; some of its strongest members, e.g., the Brooks and the Pinkneys, are buried in the large graveyard behind the church.

In 1939, a new church, the present Italianate structure was built, and the original log church was destroyed. Very close to where the original church stood, a large frame educational building was erected in the early 1940's.

The pastor of Brooks Methodist Church (and also of St. Mary's Methodist Church in Croom) for over 25 years was Reverend Frederick Myers. The new church was built during his tenure, and after his retirement in 1955, was renamed in his honor.

Brooks-Myers is significant, not only because it is a rare example of 20th century Italianate Church architecture in a remote rural area, but because it reflects well over a century of the society and culture of a rural Black community. The names on the gravestones in the Brooks-Myers cemetery are those of some of the longest-standing Black families in southeastern Prince George's County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG#86B-5

P. G. County Deeds FS #5:161

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl

organization History Division, M-NCPPC

date Feb. 1983

street & number 4811 Riverdale Rd.

telephone 779-2011

city or town Riverdale,

state Maryland 20737

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: Myers United Methodist Church					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Brooks Methodist Episcopal Church					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Brooks Church Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Baden					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Trustees of Brooks U. M. Church					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Baden			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church is an A-roofed, frame building with a gable end facade. On the south corner is a crenelated entrance tower with a two story elevation. The gable window has a triangular head and a diamond-shaped window in the gable. The sidewalls have four triangular pedimented windows. The semi-hexagonal apse has windows on each side.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1938; site of 19th century building
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

MNCPPC

DATE

5 Sept 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Prince Georges - ~~86B-23~~ PG:86B-5
Nottingham-Myers Charge(Myers U.M. Church)
Croom Rd.
Naylor,MD

1879

The original chapel was destroyed in the 1950's and the present Italianate structure dates from that era. The first black Methodist Church built in this area (by ex-slaves) was demolished when Rte. 382 was enlarged. A chapel was built on this site in 1879. This small Methodist Church has survived the attacks of hostile white groups and politicians to become a vital rural congregation. Myer U.M. Church has had many names, among them are Johnson's Chapel and Nottingham.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Nottingham-Myers Charge

AND/OR COMMON

Myers U.M. Church

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Croom Road (Maryland Route 382)

CITY, TOWN

Naylor

VICINITY OF Croom

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince Georges

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☒ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees Myers U.M. Church
C/O Rev. James K. McCants

Telephone #: 372-6715

STREET & NUMBER

Box 3495, Croom Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD, 20870

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Prince George's Co. Court House

Liber #: RF 6

Folio #: 135

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

OATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE 1879

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Myers U.M. Church stands 50' from the south side of Croom Rd. about 3 miles before you reach Naylor. The original chapel was destroyed in the 1950's. The present Italianate church was erected in that era. The small church is handsome and I have included potographs of it.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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SPECIFIC DATES 1879

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This area of Prince George's county was the scene of much anti-black activity after the Civil War. The original church (built by ex-slaves) was a log cabin and was destroyed when Rte.382 was enlarged. A chapel was built on the site where Myers U.M. Church now stands in 1879. This small Methodist Church has survived the attacks of hostile white groups and politicians to become a vital rural congregation. Myer U.M. Church has had many different names, among them are Johnson's Chapel and Nottingham.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION _____

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

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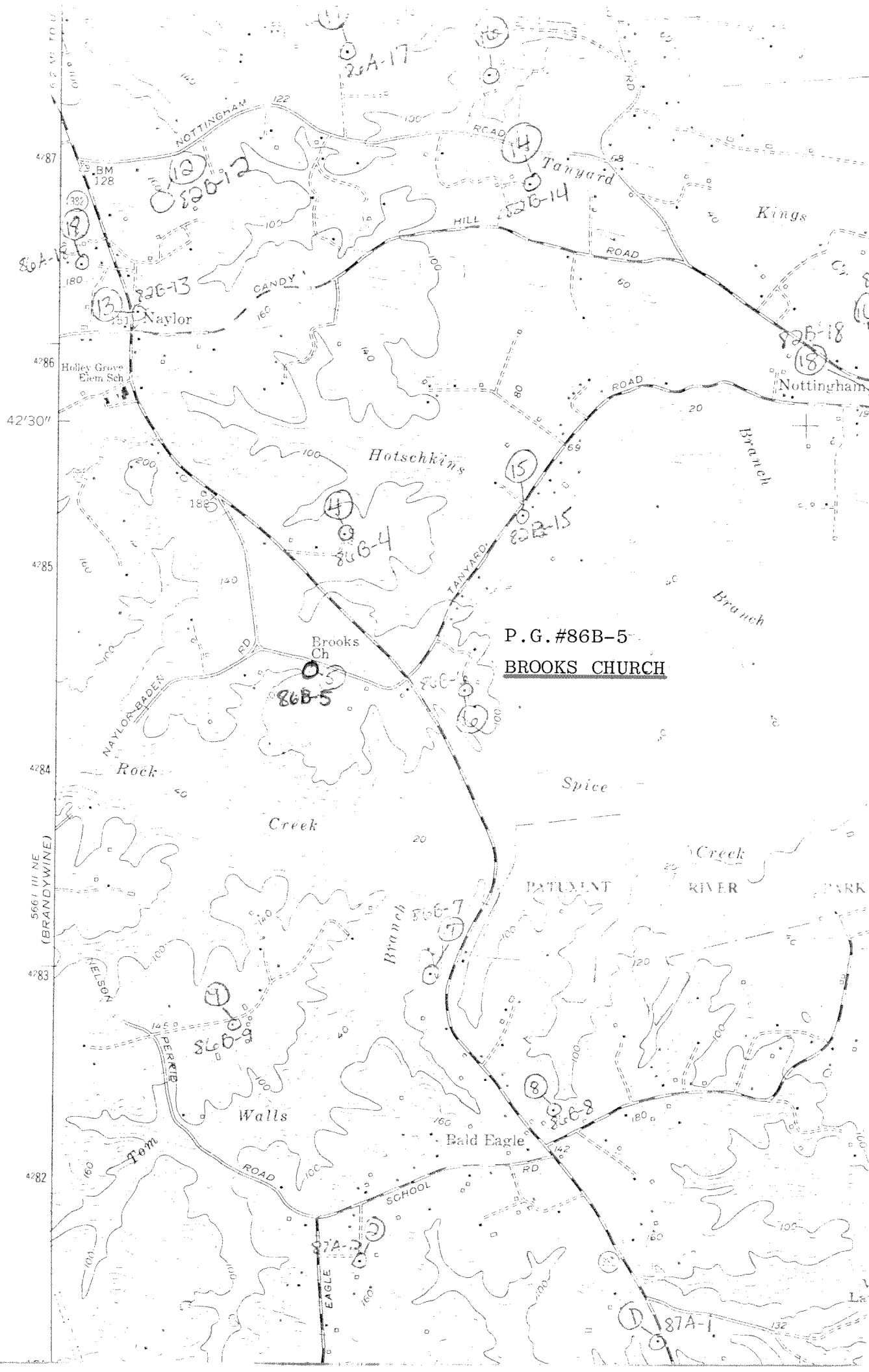
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Susan G. Pearl
May 1983
East elevation
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Southeast 3/4 elevation
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Brooks-Myers Education Building
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Susan G. Pearl

January 1983

West elevation

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Brooks-Myers Cemetery
Prince George's County, Md.
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View to Southwest
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Nottingham-Myers Charge

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